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H PASS SENATOR WILLIAMS

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SUBJECT: CODEL WILLIAMS

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1. IN MEETING WITH EMBOFF ROMANIAN HOSTS EXPRESSED GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT WITH REGARDS TO DATE AND DURATION OF SENATOR WILLIAMS' VISIT AS SPECIFIED REFTEL A. MR. GEORGIU, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL FOR THE GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, HAD PREPARED A FULL PROGRAM FOR THE SENATOR AND HIS PARTY FOR DATES AUGUST 15-26 BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE ROMANIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

2. GEORGIU POINTED OUT THAT DATES AUGUST 19-23, WOULD ALLOW THE SENATOR ONLY A VERY LIMITED PROGRAM. ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, ONLY A HALF DAY COULD BE DEDICATED TO OFFICIAL
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VISITS AND ON SUNDAY THE TWENTY-FIRST NO OFFICIAL VISITS WOULD BE POSSIBLE. FURTHER, SINCE AUGUST 23 IS ROMANIAN NATIONAL DAY (REFTEL C), NO IF-FICIAL VISITS WOULD BE POSSIBLE ON THAT DAY OR THE PREVIOUS AFTERNOON. IN THE INTEREST OF PROVIDING YOU A MORE SUCCESSFUL VISIT, MR. GEORGIU STRONGLY SUGGESTS THAT YOU RESCHEDULE THE DATES OF YOUR VISIT IF POSSIBLE. PREFERABLE THIS WOULD MEAN

ALLOWING FOR A VISIT OF 11 DAYS, WHICH DOES NOT ENCOMPASS ROMANIAN NATIONAL DAYS, 23 AND 24 AUGUST. IF SUCH A CHANGE IS NOT POSSIBLE, GEORGIU AGREED WITH EMBASSY SUGGESTION THAT A VISIT DURING AUGUST 15-19 OR AUGUST 23-28 WOULD BE MORE FRUITFUL.

4. IF NO CHANGE IN SCHEDULE FROM REFTTEL A IS POSSIBLE, MR. GEORGIU ASK THAT SENATOR WILLIAMS INDICATE HIS PRIORITIES FOR OFFICIAL VISITS WITHIN THE LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE.

5. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.
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